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scientific education. Lord Kelvin's discoveries have also been applied to practical life, as is shown for instance in the part he took in laying the first cables across the Atlantic.

HUGO SCHUCHARDT ON ESPERANTO.

(Translation.)

To the Editor of The Monist:

In the October number of *The Monist* you place me "in the ranks of Esperantists." That is not correct. For twenty years I have endeavored to demonstrate that from a philological standpoint, whether the historical or psychological side be emphasized, the possibility of an artificial international language can not be contested; and I have finally expressed myself in the May number of the *Beilage zur Allgemeinen Zeitung*, with regard to and against Brugmann's point of view, and have especially declared again as formerly against the simile of the homunculus. No! "Languages are not living organisms like animals"; they are functions like eating, walking, etc.

I have never entered the lists for any *particular* international auxiliary language, neither for Volapük nor for Esperanto. I consider the formation of such a language as both possible and desirable and maintain the opinion that intercourse among the great nations will some time be so regulated that as far as possible each shall use his native language and each shall understand those of foreign countries.

HUGO SCHUCHARDT.

GRATZ, October 27, 1907.